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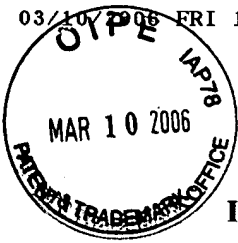
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Applicant(s): **Bin Zhao**Group Art Unit: **2814**Application Serial No.: **09/686,323**Examiner: **Pham, Hoai V.**Filed: **October 9, 2000**Notice of Allowance: **February 7, 2006**

Title: **Method of Fabricating an
Interconnect Structure Employing Air
Gaps Between Metal Lines and
Between Metal Layers**

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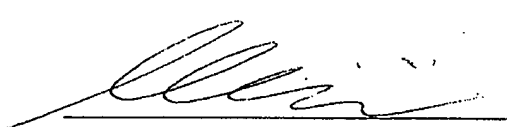
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